DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (d) The Government is aware that Bihar Government has recently banned for use oral polio vaccines received by it during 1991-92. Samples of Oral Polio vaccines drawn from various districts in Bihar were sent by Government of Bihar for analysis on 23rd July, 1992. As per report sent by the Testing Laboratory on 8th September, 1992, 80 out of 82 samples showed low potency levels. Two Central teams visited the Districts of Patna, Vaishali, Darbhanga, Madhubani, Muzaffarpur and Gaya in Bihar in September and November, 1992 and collected samples which were sent for test which failed in respect of potency as vaccines, which are required to be kept at temperature betweel 2° to 8° C, were not kept at the required temperature. The walk-in-cooler at Patna was packed with more vaccines than it should contain, which also contributed to the deterioration of the vaccines. In order to ensure that the Immunization Programme does not receive a set back, fresh stocks of Oral Polio vaccine of standard potency have been supplied to the State Government on 16th November, 1992. Additional generator sets are being provided to 30 districts where electric supply is erratic. The Central Government has also emphasised to the State Government the need for monitoring the functioning of the cold chain and filling up the sanctioned posts for maintenance of the cold chain system in the State.

Panel to Frame Norms for sanctioning Medical Colleges

2427. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have constituted a Committee to frame new guidelines for sanctioning medical colleges in the country;

(b) if so, the constitution and terms of reference of the committee;

(c) whether the Committee has submitted the report; and

(d) if so, the details of the recommendations made by it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (d) No, Sir. Under the terms of the Ordinance promulgated on 27th August, 92 relating to the establishment of new medical colleges a Scheme has to be prepared which would set out the requirements for prefering such applications. The Medical Council of India have been asked to prepare the scheme and a part report has been received which is under examination.

यूनानी चिकित्सा-पद्धति पर संगोष्ठियां

2428. **मौलाना ओबैदुल्ला खान आजमी** : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) यूनानी चिकित्सा-पद्धति के बारे में विगत तीन वर्षों के दौरान अब तक कितनी संगोष्ठियां, कब-कब और कहां-कहां आयोजित की गई हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि ऐसी संगोष्ठियों की संख्या में निरंतर कमी आ रही है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) यूनानी चिकित्सा-पद्धति को बढ़ावा देने के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठा रही है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती डी० के० तारादेवी सिद्धार्थ) : (क) केन्द्रीय यूनानी चिकित्सा अनुसंधान परिषद् ने यूनानी चिकित्सा पद्धति के बारे में 1989-90 से अब तक निम्नलिखित संगोष्ठियां आयोजित की हैं :—

1989-90—फरवरी, 1989 में अलीगढ़ में पांचवीं वैज्ञानिक संगोष्ठी ।

1990-91—अक्तूबर, 1990 में दिल्ली में छठी वैज्ञानिक संगोष्ठी ।